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SUBJECT: KHMER REPRESENTATION AT 29TH UNGA

REF: A. STATE 220123 AND 221036

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS REFTELS, DCM CALLED ON JAPANESE AMBASSADOR AT NOON, OCTOBER 9, TO COORDINATE PRESENTATION OF CASE RE ASIAN RESOLUTION ON KHMER REPRESENTATION. JAPANESE WERE DELIGHTED TO BE ABLE TO COOPERATE WITH US ON THIS MATTER ON LOCAL LEVEL AND FELT PROPERLY TIMED PRESENTATIONS BY US AND JAPAN WOULD IMPROVE POSSIBILITIES FOR SUCCESS IN THIS VENTURE. AS JAPANESE MADE FIRST APPROACH MIDDAY OCTOBER 9 TO FOREIGN MINISTRY (TO DANIEL OLMOS, NEW FONOFF CHIEF OF UN AFFAIRS, WHO JAPANESE LIKE US FIND WELL-DISPOSED TO OUR ARGUMENTS IF NOT YET WELL GROUNDED ON COMPLEXITIES OF ISSUE), DCM ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED APPOINTMENT WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS AMB. FRANCISCO MOLINA SALAS, FOR 1800 HOURS, OCTOBER 9.

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2. MOLINA SALAS ALONG WITH MINISTER DIEGO MEDUS, DIRECTOR

OF NORTH AMERICAN DEPARTMENT, AND AMB JORGE BLANCO VILLALTA, DIRECTOR OF ASIAN AFFAIRS, RECEIVED DCM. MOLINA SALAS SAID GOA WISHES TO PRESERVE ITS NON-ALIGNED STATUS AND HAS MAINTAINED STRICT NEUTRALITY ON ISSUE OF CAMBODIAN CREDENTIALS. CONSEQUENTLY, GOA HAS ABSTAINED ON ALL KHMER CREDENTIAL ISSUES AS A MATTER OF POLICY. MOLINA SALAS FURTHER NOTED, AS HE HAD TO AMB BLAKE OF IO, THAT SIHANOUK'S LONG STAY IN PRC RAISED SOME DOUBTS IN GOA'S MIND ABOUT JUST HOW NON-ALIGNED HE WAS.

3. DCM EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING FOR GOA'S PREVIOUS POLICY OF ABSTENTION ON CREDENTIALS MATTER BUT STRESSED FACT THAT ASIAN RESOLUTION WAS A NEW AND SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT IN THE QUEST FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE CAMBODIAN PROBLEM. MOLINA SALAS AGREED THAT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED NEW ANGLE, THAT OF SELF-DETERMINATION. AFTER READING TEXT OF RESOLUTION PROVIDED BY DCM, MOLINA SALAS SAID GOA WOULD GIVE EARNEST AND SERIOUS STUDY TO THE MATTER. DCM ALSO POINTED OUT IMPORTANCE OF HAVING VOTE ON CAMBODIAN RESOLUTION COME FIRST, BEFORE VOTE ON CREDENTIALS.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES GOA FOR FIRST TIME IN OVER A YEAR WILL NOW SERIOUSLY REVIEW ITS CAMBODIAN POLICY. FRIENDLY RESOLUTION OFFERS THEM A CHANCE TO FAVOR OUR POSITION BY PRESENTING IT AS ONE OF SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION. THIS WOULD BE HONORABLE WAY OF ABANDONING NEUTRAL STANCE ON CAMBODIA WHICH GOA HAS FELT OBLIGED TO ADOPT AS RESULT IT HAVING PARTICIPATED IN ALGIERS CONFERENCE IN 1973.
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